

## **NACBS Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Wednesday, 27 October 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15.

In attendance: Cynthia Herrup, Martin Wiener, Bill Lubenow, Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, Phil Harling

- 1) Minutes of 2003 Executive Committee meeting approved (LoPatin moved; Lubenow seconded)
- 2) Future Meetings: The NACBS meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Denver, in October 2005, and at the Royal Sonesta, Cambridge, Mass in the fall of 2006. The 2007 meeting will be held in northern California. Cynthia Herrup has been discussing the matter with David Lieberman and Bob Woods of the PCCBS. They would like to be able to feature the new British Studies Center at Berkeley, but there's a paucity of suitable conference space in the East Bay. So the likelihood at this point is that the meeting will be held in San Francisco, but discussions continue.
- 3) Electronic voting. Phil Harling reported that the electronic balloting process was a success: very few problems and a higher turnout. NACBS will continue to pay for UCP to send paper ballots to members who do not indicate an email address. The hope is that this number will continue to diminish.
- 4) New Committee members: Steve Pincus (Chicago) will take over as Program Chair from Seth Koven (Villanova) for the Cambridge, Mass meeting in 2006. New prize committee members for 2005: Love Prize – Jeff Cox (Iowa) & Rachel Weill (Cornell); John Ben Snow Prize – Lori Anne Ferrell (Claremont Graduate School); Dissertation Fellowship – Tom Kennedy (Arkansas)
- 5) Announcement of 2004 prize members: see attachment
- 6) Re-Naming of NACBS Book Prize: it will now be called the Albion Prize, in honor of Michael Moore and *Albion*.
- 7) *Albion* Report: Discussion re. what, if anything, NACBS still owes Michael Moore & Appalachian State with respect to membership subvention. The feeling was that he had been paid in full – confirmed by Kari Roane (see next item).
- 8) Discussion re. NACBS relationship with University of Chicago Press. Much satisfaction expressed with the job that Kari Roane and her crew are doing. All information to the Press should be routed through Kari. Kari Roane joins the

discussion of the JBS marketing & circulation report. Treasurer LoPatin-Lummis said NACBS needed to report all unrelated business income to the IRS, under filing rules for non-profits; this includes all advertising revenue; Kari Roane indicated that the new royalty set-up would facilitate proper reporting arrangements; she'll follow up on this matter with the Treasurer. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that NACBS owes no further subvention money to Michael Moore, as he was paid checks on a per-member basis through the 2004 fiscal year. The final volume of *Albion* is volume 36; the first issue of vol. 36 is out, the other 3 are late but will be sent out, so those who paid for a full year of *Albion* in 2005 will receive a full year of the journal, albeit belatedly. President Herrup asked Kari Roane to query institutional subscribers as to whether any of them have purchased *Albion* subscriptions beyond vol. 36; if so, they'll need to be "graced" for the dollar amount beyond vol. 36. Kari Roane verifies that Lisa Cohen will henceforth be handling the NACBS membership list for UCP, rather than Rich Connelly. Kari Roane reported a slight decline in JBS circulation; UCP will be focusing on subsidiary rights to enhance revenue. UCP will host a reception for the new editors at the Denver meeting in Oct. 2005, and will concentrate on spreading the word about the new editors, with a view to preserving submission rates over the transitional period.

- 9) Executive Committee members' discussions of the journal merger at the regional meetings: In general, these went well – only a few misconceptions, which were readily cleared up.